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TRAINS WOMEN TRACTOR OPERATORS -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 24 Jun 50

Mukden -- At the Te-tu Hsien Rural Normal School in Heilungkiang, ten women are learning to drive tractors under the instruction of the first woman tractor driver in China. Over half of them are already able to handle tractors by themselves.

At 25 farms for disabled veterans, operated by the Northeast Disabled Veterans Administration, 120 tractor units (according to Soviet reckoning 15 horsepower is considered one unit of tractor power) and over 600 new type agricultural implements have been put into operation in the spring work season. By 5 June, over 75,000 mou had been planted. In Sungkiang Province, over 20,000 mou of virgin land have been put under cultivation.

The Veterans Administration has released 30 billion yuan (Northeast currency) to the various projects as aid in the production program. Nine hundred modern horse-drawn implements were manufactured in the disabled veterans machine shops and put into use on the various farms.

In spite of their disabilities, many veterans participate in the agricultural enterprises of their stations. Some of them have improved their implements so that they have been able to double the amount of ground that can be plowed in a day. This spirit has been a large factor in increasing the amount of land under cultivation this year.

ISSUES INSTRUCTION REGARDING PUBLIC GRAIN -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 22 Jun 50

Wu-hsi -- The following instructions have been promulgated concerning the use of public grain, the collection of which is being delayed until autumn by the South Kiangsu Field Office.

1. The decision of the government to suspend the summer collection of public grain and combine it with the autumn collection was entirely in the interests of the farmers and to increase the production of autumn crops. All the people should recognize the practicality of the government's move and turn this public grain, the collection of which is delayed, into agricultural capital to promote the production program set for the autumn grain collection.

2. All of this grain should be used to increase autumn production. It should not be eaten or otherwise wasted. The people must support the government so that South Kiangsu's production may be returned to normal and expanded. This will result in raising the standard of living of the peasants.

3. Government agencies on all levels must carefully explain the plan to the people so that it will be impossible for special agents to spread deceptive rumors. If such rumors appear, they should be explained to the people at once.

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